

WHY THE PLANK WENT THROUGH.

Treachorous Conduct of Anti-"Mormon" Element at Weiser Convention.

DISREGARDED THEIR PLEDGES.

Would-Be Champions of Morality Have Records That Would Make Decent Men Blush.

Special Correspondence.

Rexburg, Idaho, June 9.—The Weiser convention was far from being a fair expression of the Democracy of Idaho for the reason that it had become generally understood by at least one wing of the party that nothing in the nature of an anti-"Mormon" resolution would be discussed, the understanding being that nothing other than unprejudiced declaration from the people as to their choice for a Democratic president of the United States should be brought before the convention. Thus thrown off their guard it has since been learned that the anti-"Mormon" element had been secretly perfecting their plans and quietly electing anti-"Mormon" supporters as delegates from the various counties until they secured a combination it has rarely been my lot to witness. Those who have been deceived, and they are those who have heretofore represented the Democratic party in Idaho, are disappointed at the treachery displayed by men whose positions would lead anyone to expect them to pursue a more honorable course.

When the resolution was first presented it was under the guise of being in the nature of a resolution to suppress vice and in the interest of good morals as so treacherously advocated by a supporter of the measure whose record along those lines would make an honest man blush; but an amendment to include all other sexual vices as well as polygamy and unlawful cohabitation, was introduced and carried, thus making it clear that the element making such fight was in favor of the continuation of prostitution and that their chief object was to ride on the wave of public excitement into popularity politically, at the expense of the good name of hundreds of thousands of the best citizens of the United States.

I still have confidence that at the coming state convention to be held at Lewiston in August, a much different sentiment will be expressed, as the respectable element of the party are determined, especially since the late convention, to lift Idaho's Democracy out of the gutter into which it has for a time fallen.

The "Mormon" people comprise approximately one-third of the population of Idaho, and their record has shown at least to be at least equal to any other portion of Idaho's citizens in the way of good citizenship, and as such they have the respect of the better element of the state, and from this standpoint I cannot help but feel that those who persistently abuse so large a portion of our commonwealth will surely meet their Waterloo when the entire populace of the "Gem State" have an opportunity to express themselves at the ballot.

As to the effect it will have, I have no doubt that it will have its influence in fanning the flame of anti-"Mormon" fire more or less throughout the nation by those who are carried away with excitement on that question, but when brought squarely before the representative Democracy of the nation I still have confidence that they will think more of "government of the people, for the people and by the people," than to allow such a local question that belongs entirely to the people, to be dragged before the United States courts, practically taken upon the hands of the people, where true Democracy insists it properly belongs.

Much praise is due to the minority of the convention, who, although "anti-Mormon," have shown a fair and just behavior. Their manly defense for fairness will be long cherished in the hearts of all fair minded people who witnessed it.

THE QUESTION AT ISSUE.

Discussing the same subject the Pocastello Advance, a non-"Mormon" Democratic paper, has this to say:

The action of the Weiser convention was not directed at a vice that exists in the state. That was made clear in the discussion that the advocates of the passage of the resolutions ceased to pretend that such was the case and argued along the line that their action was justified by the necessity of an attack upon the religious body. The question was at once placed where it belonged as one of whether the party should place itself on record as being willing to go back to the old A. P. A. doctrines and attack a religious body upon the theories advocated by that old organization, or whether it should take the broad ground that certain vices bearing upon its religious relations should receive the condemnation of the party.

To the doctrine that the party should become the instrument by which any body calling itself religious should be attacked, there were many that could not consent; to the offer to make the action of the convention cover all the vices alluded to and thus remove the religious aspect of the question, the majority would not consent.

In order to illustrate completely the difference that existed between the contending factions of the convention, the following is printed. Read the

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resolution first with the words in capitals left out and you have the original resolution as presented by Dabbs and supporters. Read it with the words in capitals and you have the substitute as offered by the opponents. When the substitute was offered, although it was what the floor leader of the majority had consented to, he immediately moved the previous question, shut off debate and explanation, and carried the original resolution through. The original resolution and the offer of the opponents are as follows:

"We also instruct our delegates to said national convention to use every honorable means to have said convention place a plank in the National Democratic platform advocating such amendment to the constitution of the United States as will authorize Congress to pass such national legislation as may be necessary to REGULATE MARRIAGE AND DIVORCES AND TO suppress polygamy or unlawful cohabitation, BIGAMY, ADULTERY AND FORNICATION within the United States or any territory subject to its jurisdiction and to provide for the punishment thereof.

"We also call the attention of the people of the state of Idaho to the fact that there are no adequate means of enforcing the laws in Idaho for the punishment of those living in polygamy or unlawful cohabitation, BIGAMY, ADULTERY OR FORNICATION, and we favor the enactment of additional laws for the immediate suppression of such vice (s) and the punishment of those who practice it (THEM). And we ask the Delegates of the state to bear this in mind in selecting their delegates to the Democratic state convention to be held in Lewiston on August 15 next."

THOMAS E. BASSETT.

THE ELKS' OFFICIAL TRAIN

Leaves Salt Lake City for Provo, via "THE SALT LAKE ROUTE" at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, June 15th. Don't miss it.

County Teachers' Examination.

An examination for teachers of primary and grammar grades will be held in the L. D. S. buildings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 20, 21 and 22, beginning at 9 a. m. All teachers and candidates not holding valid certificates are expected to take the examination. Credits from State Normal Institute or Summer School will be given consideration by the Board of Examiners.

B. W. ASHTON, County Superintendent of Schools.

PURPLE AND WHITE.

Elks Will Wear These Colors at Provo—Bell Will Tell for the Dead.

The 50 delegates from the local lodge of Elks to the reunion of state lodges to be held at Provo June 15 and 16, have made arrangements to wear a purple and white uniform. The visiting Elks from Salt Lake City will wear the regulation uniform, consisting of a linen duster, and silk hats. A purple and white umbrella will be carried.

United States Marshal Benjamin B. Heywood, who will command the Salt Lake divisions in the Elks' and fraternal parades, appointed his three aides this morning. They will be Col. W. D. Van Blarcom, Jr., Capt. Barrett and W. W. Hall.

The local Elks will go to Provo Wednesday morning on a special train, arriving at the Garden City about 9:30 o'clock, accompanied by Held's band. Attached to the train will be the coaches containing the Elks from Park City and Ogden.

A feature of the reunion of the lodges will be the unique observance of the "11 o'clock toast," at 11 o'clock in the morning and at the same hour at night. The bell in the tabernacle will be tolled 11 times. At the first stroke of the bell every Elks within hearing distance will bear his head and remain in a reverential attitude until the last one has been sounded.

The following order regarding the observance of the toast has been issued by Director General M. M. Warner: "My Dear Sir and Brother—I have arranged to have our down bell toll the '11 strokes' at 11 a. m. and 11 p. m. of each day of the reunion. I request that all Elks in Provo on that occasion at that hour, while the bell is 'tolling' to stop, uncover their heads and assume an attitude of reverence. I consider this, not only an attractive feature, but also a benefit to us all. It will recall to our minds the fact that we are Elks with obligations of great moment resting upon us. It will have a restraining influence upon many of us, and will be a reminder of the fraternal chain which unites our great brotherhood. Don't forget the 11 strokes."

Very respectfully,
RICHARD P. MORRIS, Mayor.



MISS LEAH DANIELS, Queen of the Elks' Carnival in Her Royal Gown.

The Elks' carnival to be held at Provo, June 15th to 18th promises to be a decided success.

The queen will have eight maids of honor selected by the different lodges of the state. Miss Daniels is a striking brunette of considerable beauty. Her graceful figure will be adorned with a handsome imported gown of white crepe-de-sheer, hand made lace yoke, and liberty chiffon draperies. She will also have a gorgeous pearl crown and jewels and exquisite chiffon parasol.

Miss Mamie Hampton and Miss Irene Kelly are maids of honor representing Salt Lake Lodge No. 85. Miss Hampton will be beautifully gowned in white chiffon with purple chiffon drape and gorgeous white hat. Miss Kelly will wear a magnificent white lace gown and large white ostrich hat.

"CORIANTON" FOR BROADWAY

Special Correspondence.

New York, June 7.—Mr. John Cort, representative of the great theatrical trust, in the northwest, is here on his annual booking trip and has created quite a boom in "Corianton" affairs.

By the cold blooded and famous "trust" made up of Klaw & Erlinger, Nixon & Zimmerman, Al Haymond and Charles Frohman, the presentation of "Corianton" in the "wild and woolly west" was looked upon as a stupendous amateur venture, unworthy of serious Broadway consideration.

John Cort's optimistic report before a meeting of the trust this afternoon, on the possibilities of the play if well acted, staged and managed and of the magnificence of the production built by the Utah syndicate, has led them to an investigation for fear they have been overlooking a "good thing."

Upon reading the play and the reviews by western critics, their interest has grown intensely and one of their number, doubtless Zimmerman, is delegated to directly or indirectly take it up.

"Corianton" is to be offered wholly as an Aztec play, as the Japanese plays, problem plays, Oriental plays, early Christian plays, etc., have followed in turn, but the Aztec play has thus far been overlooked. "Corianton," it is said, exactly fills the Aztec demand. The advisability of sending the production, built by the Utah syndicate or the building of a new one was discussed.

Assured by the author and Mr. Cort, that the production in storage in Logan is a decided improvement, a new one will be built here by November. The question naturally arises, are the syndicate scenery and costumes for rent?

R. K. Thomas, who is identified with the Deseret Dramatic syndicate which produced "Corianton" when seen this morning said that he knew nothing regarding the story that the theatrical trust was going to stage "Corianton." The Deseret Dramatic syndicate owns the production of "Corianton," that is the scenery and costumes," he said, "while Mr. Bean claims that he owns the play and that his contract with us has expired. Nothing has heard here regarding 'Corianton' being taken up by eastern parties. Personally I am inclined to doubt the story, although it may be true.

RICHARDS COMMENDED.

Mayor Says the City Sealer Should be Encouraged.

Mayor Morris has vetoed the report of the committee on markets which allows City Sealer of Weights and Measures H. P. Richards 100 car tickets per month and authorizes him to hire a horse and buggy to transport his scale weights when necessary to use them. Mr. Richards asked authority to purchase a horse and buggy so as to be better able to keep up the good work which he has been doing since he was placed in charge of the office. Mayor Morris, in the following veto message, urges that the request of Mr. Richards be granted:

To the Honorable President and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your honorable body, without my approval, report No. 535 of committee on markets, report No. 535 of committee on markets, in the matter of horse and buggy for the sealer of weights and measures, for the following reasons:

The committee recommends that the said officer be denied a horse and buggy, which he asks for, and, in lieu thereof, that he be allowed 100 car tickets per month, and, at certain odd times, he be allowed a horse and wagon "to properly perform his duties."

I believe that, considering the excellent work this officer has done in the past and is endeavoring to carry on in the future, he certainly should be furnished with a horse and wagon, that he can move fully look after the interests of the people who have so shamefully been robbed by dishonest peddlers and merchants in this city in the past.

With the report amended that the said officer be furnished with a horse and wagon at a cost not to exceed \$300, I shall gladly approve it.

Very respectfully,
RICHARD P. MORRIS, Mayor.

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